

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 17, 2012

Budget Committee Members Present

Eileen Latimer, Chairman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman
Ben Moore, Selectman Representative
Ginny Bridle, School Board Representative
Pat Collins
Richard Desrosiers
Joe Grzybowski
Mark McFarlin
Sandra Nickerson
Michael Plouffe
Richard Reniere
Diandra Sanphy
Peter Traynor

Chairman Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Self-introductions were made by the Committee members.

Chairman Latimer asked for a moment of silence for Police Chief Michael Maloney. She also sent best wishes to the four officers who were wounded and wished them a speedy recovery.

Ms. Nickerson asked for a Point of Order. She said after last month's meeting she had done research on Robert's Rules and on RSA 91-A that Mr. Pierce brought forward. The election of the Chairman of this Committee by secret ballot was against the Right to Know Law.

Chairman Latimer said the election of the Chairman needs to be redone. She said she had spent an entire day with the LGC researching this. This Committee should never vote by secret ballot. However, in this instance Mr. Pierce received a call after the vote was taken. That is interference and was not legal.

Chairman Latimer then opened up for nominations for Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Traynor, seconded by Ms. Woolsey, to appoint Eileen Latimer Chairman of the Hampton Municipal Budget Committee for the coming year.

Chairman Latimer accepted the nomination.

Moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Reniere, to appoint Richard Desrosiers Chairman of the Hampton Municipal Budget Committee for the coming year.

Mr. Desrosiers declined the nomination and the motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Traynor, to close nominations for Chairman.

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

A vote was then called for the nomination of Eileen Latimer as Chairman.

Vote: 10 yes, 2 no (Collins, Reniere), 1 abstention (Latimer). Motion passed.

Moved by Ms. Bridle, seconded by Ms. Woolsey, to take all future votes by roll call.

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Latimer recognized Selectman Michael Pierce. Mr. Pierce said he has enjoyed his seven years on the Budget Committee. Chairman Latimer thanked Mr. Pierce for his time as a Committee member and as the Selectman Rep.

Adoption of the Minutes

Moved Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2012 as amended.

Roll Call Vote: 10 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions (Desrosiers, Grzybowski, Moore). Motion passed.

The use of email by Committee members was discussed. Chairman Latimer said anything stating an opinion should not be sent by email. All business should be discussed at a public meeting. Ms. Nickerson said this should also apply to phone calls.

Discussion was held regarding voting by the Chair. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Chair should vote.

Selectman Report

Mr. Moore said the Finance Director reported on March financial statements. No adjustments have been made by the BOS to the budget approved by the voters.

Ms. Woolsey asked about the investigation of a bond and the status of the LGC situation. Mr. Moore said the possibility of a bond is being investigated. The LGC has not been raised in an open meeting. There is a house bill now in the senate that addresses some of the issues in LGC.

Ms. Woolsey asked about having a draft BOS meeting agenda. Mr. Moore said it would be inefficient to do this. Ms. Woolsey said she felt it would be a convenience for the public. Ms. Woolsey said she would like a determination as to where the Selectmen are going with the roads capital reserve fund. It was intended to do major projects. Chairman Latimer

asked about sewer adjustments. Mr. Moore said there is not a whole lot of money. It is not an expenditure, it is an overlay.

School Board Report

Ms. Bridle said the School Board had their reorganization. Peppa Ring has been appointed Chairman and Maureen O'Leary Vice Chairman. Marston School received the Excellence in Education Award. Staff for next year have been nominated and contracts given out.

Chairman Latimer asked about impact fees. Ms. Bridle said Nathan Lunney and Mike Schwotzer are working on that. Chairman Latimer asked if a report could be generated on the status of impact fees. Ms. Bridle said she would ask Mike Schwotzer for this.

Ms. Sanphy asked if any decision has been made on Hampton Academy. Ms. Bridle said the School Board will be discussing this in May and June.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Chairman Latimer said Brian Warburton has chosen to resign from the Budget Committee and read his letter of resignation. She thanked Mr. Warburton for his service.

Chairman Latimer said this will now leave a vacancy on the Committee. Mr. Collins suggested waiting until September to fill the vacancy. Mr. McFarlin said Mr. Warburton has resigned and therefore the vacancy should be filled now so that the new member can keep up to speed over the summer.

Moved by Mr. Desrosiers, seconded by Ms. Woolsey, to accept Brian Warburton's resignation.

Roll Call Vote: 9 yes, 4 no (Bridle, Collins, Latimer, Nickerson). Motion passed.

Chairman Latimer said there were two other interested people, Vic DeMarco and Brian Lapham. Mr. DeMarco has since declined.

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Desrosiers, to appoint Brian Lapham to replace Brian Warburton until the next election.

Roll Call Vote: 13 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Committees were discussed. Ms. Nickerson said she did not feel an Education Committee was necessary at this time.

The CIP Committee was discussed.

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Collins, to appoint Diandra Sanphy as the representative to the CIP Committee with Peter Traynor as alternate.

Roll Call Vote: 13 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Adjournment

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call Vote: 13 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary